

ANTHRACITE COAL HELD A LUXURY

Coal Baron Thomas So
Tells the Commission.

SHEARN USES THE PROBE

Witness Denies Stock of Company Is
Watered—Conferred With
Baer.

NEW YORK, May 26.—The investigation by the Interstate Commerce Commission of the contracts between the coal-carrying roads and the operators of the coal mines was resumed this morning in the Federal Building. Eben E. Thomas, president of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, was the first witness called today.

He was asked by Mr. Shearn if he could say how the price of coal at tidewater was fixed prior to January, 1901, and in reply said that it was determined through conferences between the companies.

Answers Old Question.
Mr. Shearn then repeated the question which Mr. Thomas refused to answer last year as to who fixed the price of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company's coal at tidewater.

Mr. Thomas replied: "As a general thing I do."
Mr. Shearn then repeated the question which Mr. Thomas refused to answer last year about competition. Mr. Thomas said: "I certainly do not believe in reckless competition. Reckless competition is beneficial to no one and is harmful to everyone."

"Then you believe in sane and conservative competition?"
"I certainly do not believe in insane and non-conservative competition."

"Do you endeavor to promote competition with other coal-carrying roads?"
"I cannot say that I promote competition."

"Then you do not favor competition?"
"On the contrary, I do most emphatically believe in competition, either by individuals or by corporations. It is for the betterment of trade."

Passages at Arms.
There were many passages at arms between Mr. Shearn and the witness, the counsel endeavoring to compel Mr. Thomas to admit that the price of coal was fixed after conferences between the several coal-carrying companies.

Mr. Thomas said that his company produced a better article of coal at tidewater than the other companies, and if the company sold at the same prices as the others, the company would find a ready sale than the others for their product.

"Coal," said the witness, "is a commodity the price of which is governed by general conditions."

"The cost of production, the demand, and the amount of supply," said Mr. Shearn.

"Then do you believe with Mr. Truesdale that the price should be fixed even if the cities are depopulated?"

Ready to Answer.
Objection was made by counsel, but Mr. Thomas said that he would like to answer the question. He said: "Do you think that in a country like this, governed by a free people, the price of any commodity, which is a necessity of life, will ever be put at a price beyond the reach of those people who need it?"

"That is just what we want to find out, whether the price of anthracite coal, a necessity, can be put up to any price."

"Why, my dear sir," Mr. Thomas retorted, "anthracite coal is not a necessity. It is a luxury, like diamonds. The people of Pittsburgh and St. Louis get along without anthracite. They burn bituminous and are glad to get it."

East Getting Coal.
Mr. Thomas said further that the people of the East were getting anthracite coal at a fair rate, and that the rail-

Has a Gun Ready for Hunters of Rabid Dogs

Owner Will Use His Pistol on Man Who
Shoots His Hounds—Gives Warning
He Will Sue District.

"I'm rabid," announced an old gentleman, as he stood in the room at the District Building this morning where the money for dog taxes is collected; "and I'm here to lodge a complaint against those persons who are so rabid in their pursuit of rabid dogs."

"Anything we can do for you?" queried a clerk.
"Yes," thundered the complainant; "I want to know if a dog owner is protected by having paid his dog taxes. Is he?"

Assurance Given.
"Certainly," replied the clerk.
"Well, I've got two dogs, a mastiff and a St. Bernard. Those dogs were snapping flies this morning, and the report will soon be out that my dogs are rabid. Then, a policeman will walk up and shoot them with as little compunction as he would a rat."

"I tell you I won't stand for it. If my dogs are shot I'm going to do some shooting myself. I'll get rabid with a pistol."

Further remarks from the dog owner were to the effect that he had seen in a morning paper that nine rabid dogs had been shot since last Sunday, and that he had the honor of the acquaint-

ance with one of these dogs, whose owner lived near the complainant's residence. He declared emphatically that all this fuss about "mad dogs" is a fad and a fake, and that it is largely imagination.

"Rabid-Dog" Crazy.
He was of the opinion that people get to thinking about rabid dogs and then imagine there's something wrong with every luckless canine they see.

"Dogs don't go mad for nothing," he concluded. "Neither will mine. I've paid their taxes, and they're going to live—live to a ripe old age. If people think they are rabid, that's all right. Nobody has to associate with my dogs."

Due Warning Given.
"And I give you fair warning that, if my dogs are shot under any fool impression about rabies, I'm going to sue the District for damages, and shoot the man who shoots the dogs. Don't talk to me about rabid dogs. They live in newspapers and the popular imagination."

The old gentleman then went to the fence in front of the District Building and chained two large dogs that looked able to snap up a cat as easily as they could a dog. He patted their heads and led them away.

Three Candidates for Scientific Degrees
Present Learned Papers Before
Distinguished Audience.

The department of arts and sciences of the Columbian University yesterday held its doctorate disputation in the presence of a distinguished gathering. Several theses were presented before the various boards of experts, and all the candidates for the Ph. D. degree received favorable recommendation.

"Refutation of Mommensen's Theory on Caesar's Agrarian Policy" was the subject of the paper presented by William Magoon Coleman before the Hon. Ellis H. Roberts, Treasurer of the United States; Prof. A. C. McLaughlin, of the University of Michigan, and Edward Farquhar, with Prof. Hermann Schoenfeld presiding.

Frank Van Vleck, M. E., of Stevens Institute of Technology, spoke on "Improvements in Ship Construction" before Naval Constructor David W. Taylor, U. S. N.; Joseph McMakin, superintendent of construction, U. S. Lighthouse Board, and H. D. Williams, ordnance engineer of the Navy Department. Adjunct Prof. George A. Anthony presided.

Andrew Wilson discussed "Influence of John Marshall on the Political History of the 'United States'" before Baron Speck von Sternburg, German ambassador; Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, United States Supreme Court, and the Hon. John B. Henderson. Prof. Charles S. Swisher presided.

Among the guests were Secretary Hay, the Hon. John W. Foster, Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, Prof. Newcomb, Dr. Walcott, Commissioner Macfarland, and Dr. J. E. Gilbert.

Low Week End Rates From Washington, D. C., and Alexandria, Va., via Southern Railway. Commencing Saturday, May 28, 1904, and continuing each Saturday and Sunday thereafter, to and including Sunday, September 25, 1904, the Southern Railway will sell round trip tickets to Somerset, Warrenton, Harrisonburg, Bluemont, and intermediate stations and return at greatly reduced rates; tickets limited returning Monday after date of sale.

Three Killed by Gas in Well.
PITTSBURGH, May 26.—While digging a well at Springdale four laborers were overcome by gas. All were unconscious when taken out and three died later. John Marshall lost his life in attempting to rescue the others.

\$1 to Frederick, Antietam (Keedysville), Hagerstown, Harpers Ferry, and Winchester, and return, via B. & O. R. R., leaving Washington 8:30 a. m., Sunday, May 29. Splendid opportunity to visit historic grounds.

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We have our stock ready for your inspection and sale. We are modest when we say we have never shown such an extensive line before. The prices range from \$8.50 to \$25.00. The stock embraces the Plain Blue Serge, the Plain Gray Serge, the Plaid Worsted, the Wool Crashes, the Genuine Homespun. Some are Single Breasted, some Double Breasted. The coats are unlined, stitched with silk; some have Bellows Pockets, some Patch Pockets.

Boys' Knee Pants Suits,
Worth up to \$5,
\$1.75

In Double Breasted and Norfolk styles, well lined, strongly made, full cut, neat grey and brown mixtures and Blue Cheviot. Also a few single breasted Suits with unlined coats, and Bloomer Trousers. Sizes 6 to 16 years.

Boys' Suits,
Worth \$4.50,
\$2.75

Double Breasted Blue Serge Suits, all wool, fast color, Italian lined, silk sewed. Trousers are lined throughout, have patent bands. All seams secured against pulling out. Suits are in sizes from 7 to 16 years.

Children's Novelty Suits

About 100 Children's Novelty Suits that have been selling at \$3.50 to \$7.00, all wool, fast color, Plain Colors and Fancy Mixtures. Broken sizes. We have divided these into two lots.
Lot 1—Suits that have sold up to \$3.50, **\$1.25**
Lot 2—Suits that were \$5, \$6, and \$7.50 for **\$2.25**

Sporting Goods Specials

17 High-grade Baseball Mitts, which sell for from \$2.50 to \$6.00. Special **\$1.95**
2 dozen High-grade Baseball Gloves, made of buckskin. Regularly sold for \$2.00. Our special price **\$1.50**
Minnow Buckets, the kind that always sell for 75c. Will hold 8 qts. **45c**
Best quality fish hooks, gutted with finest gut, worth 50c **25c**
Bristol Steel Rods, most any length. Regular \$5.00 value **\$3.98**
75 High-grade Fishing Reels, sold regularly from \$3.50 to \$6.00. **\$2.85**

Young Men's Suits,
Worth up to \$18, \$9.75

About 150 Suits, small lots of our \$12.50, \$15.00, and \$18.00 Suits, Single and Double Breasted plain Blue Serge, Black Tinted and Fancy Mixtures. Coats are cut in Semi-Military and Loose Back Effect, broad shoulders. Trousers are full at thigh, in the Peg Top effect. There are all sizes from 15 to 20 years in this sale, but not all sizes in each lot. Sizes 31 to 35, to fit Young Men from 15 to 20 years of age.

Second Floor

Men's Split Straw Yacht
and Sennit Hats, \$1.65

These are the most stylish Hats of the Season. The favorite shapes.

Children's Straw Hats,
Worth \$1 and \$1.25,
for 75c

One lot of Children's Straw Hats, made of the different popular rough and smooth braids in the newest shapes, with broad brims and long streamers. These sell everywhere for \$1.00 and \$1.25. This Friday and Saturday our price will be 75c.

Men's
50c Suspenders, 25c

These are Lisle thread, with patent cast-off, kid ends, in fancy colors. You can buy 2 pairs of suspenders for the price of one.

Men's Hose,
25c Instead of 35c

These come in either Tan or Black, are the open work kind that you can wear with low shoes. They are Lisle. Spliced heel and toe, Hermsdorf dye, which insures their color.

\$5.00, \$6.00, and \$7.00
Trousers, \$3.85

These consist of 400 pairs of Striped Worsted Trousers in the very latest patterns, in all sizes, including the 50 stout, so all men can share alike in this Great Trouser Offering.

Men's \$1.00 Negligee
Shirts, 50c

These come in the neat grey effect so much in demand this season, separate cuffs. The patterns are decidedly neat.

\$1.25 Suit Case, 95c

This special holds good for Friday and Saturday only. Just the thing if you are going to take a short trip over the 30th. Three sizes to select from. They are steel frame, linen lined, which insures their strength.

Shoe Offerings for Friday
and Saturday.

Ladies' \$3.00 and \$3.50 Oxfords **\$1.95**

These consist of one lot of Women's Black and Tan Oxfords, in low button and regular Oxford Cut. Welt and turn sewed, Kid and Patent Tip and plain vamp. Cuban, Military, and Castilian Heels. Large and regular eyelets.

Children's Shoes worth up to \$2.00 **85c**

These are one lot of Children's High Shoes, in Vici Kid and Patent Colt, button and lace, broken sizes, comfortable shapes.

Boys' and Youths' Tan Shoes worth \$1.50 **\$1.05**

These are Boys' and Youths' Tan Calf Lace Shoes, good shapes, "Oak" soles.

\$3.00 Men's Shoes, \$1.95.

These consist of one lot of samples of Men's Black Vici Kid and Patent Colt Blucher and regular cut Oxford Ties, single and double Oak Soles, close and extended edges, newest shapes in both straight and swing last.

69c Instead of \$1.

Another lot of "Barefoot Sandals," made of Russia Calf, in all sizes, Infants', Misses', and Children's. These are fine for the children to wear.

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\$1.50 grade White Canvas Lace Shoes and Oxford Ties. Nearly all sizes. **95c**
150 Pairs Regular \$2 Vici Kid Tipped Oxford Ties; all sizes; bought under price. **\$1.25**
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Several tablefuls of broken sizes of \$3 and \$3.50 Patent Colt, Tan Calf, and Kid Oxford Ties; all of them hand sewed and excellent values at their original prices.
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Women's.

Wide 25c Silk Oxford Tie Laces; tan or black. Tomorrow **12c**
\$1.25 to \$2.00 Shoes at **69c**
A tableful of broken sizes, consisting in part of \$1.50 and \$2 Crash and White Linen Oxford Ties. Black Kid Turn Sole Oxford Ties. Black Opera and Strap Slippers.
Several hundred pairs \$1.50 hand-turned soft Vici Kid Patent and Kid Tipped Oxford Ties and Strap Sandals, in all sizes. Tomorrow **\$1.19**
\$2.00 to \$3.00 Oxfords at **\$1.45**
Several tablefuls of broken sizes of some of our best selling Black Surpass Kid and Patent Colt, Oxford, Gibson, and Blucher Ties and Strap Sandals; nearly every kind and most every size in this great lot **\$1.45**

Children's.

Babies' Soft or Hard Sole Black or Fancy Colored Boots. Tomorrow **21c**
75c to \$1.25 Shoes at **45c**
A tableful of broken sizes, consisting of: Tan, Black, Red, or White Strap Sandals; sizes 2 to 6. Child's Kid Spring Heel Lace and Button Boots; sizes 2 to 6. Broken sizes of \$1 and \$1.25 Sandals and Ties.
All sizes up to 2 of splendid \$1 grades Kid and Patent Leather Oxfords, Strap Sandals, and Boots for Boys and Girls. Tomorrow **69c**
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